Recommendations of committee for amending mineral policy

†1408. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations of the Committee constituted for amending mineral policy and related laws alongwith Government's reaction thereto;

(b) the time-limit fixed for approving the proposals of the State Government for grant of the mineral concession by Central Government and also for disposing of the revision matters filed against the orders passed by it;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government will take necessary steps to prescribe the said time-limit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (d) The High Level Committee (HLC) under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission constituted to review the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments in the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 has given its recommendations including on the issue of reducing delays in procedure for grant of mineral concession. These recommendations are available on website of Ministry of Mines (www.mines.nic.in).

Based on the recommendations of the High Level Committee and input from stakeholders, National Mineral Policy, 2007 is under consideration of the Government.

Diamond mining in Panna

†1409. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mining of diamond in Majhganwa mines situated at Panna, has been stopped since year 2005;

(b) whether it has resulted into the shortage of diamond production, if so, the details of the last two years in this regard; and

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